

weak and emaciated women after parturition, as well their supervening symptoms are extremely hard to cure.

I shall now describe, O child, the diseases of mammary glands. The morbid principles of the deranged Vayu, Pitta and Kapha, by affecting the mammae, whether charged with milk or otherwise, vitiate the flesh and blood of the breast. Five different kinds of mammary diseases are known in addition to the one named Raktaja Vidradhi, whose symptoms are quite in common with those of an external abscess. Bad or indigestible food in parturient women; by enraging the morbid principles of their breasts, tends to vitiate their breast milk, which forms the source of many diseases in their children. Breast-milk, vitiated by the deranged Vayu, becomes thin and watery and acquires an astringent flavour; that vitiated by the deranged Pitta tastes either pungent, acid or saline, while that vitiated by the deranged Kapha is thick and slimy and sinks in water when thrown into it. Good breast-milk speedily mixes with water, is colourless, and has a sweet taste. The use of such breast-milk alone is recommended.

CHAPTER CLXXVI,

Now hear me, O Sushruta, discourse on the Nidanam of diseases, peculiar to infant-life. A child sucking its mother's milk, vitiated by the deranged Vayu, suffers from

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the deranged V&yu, hoarseness, emaciation, and
suppression
of the stool, urine and flatus being its chief
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suffers from Pittaja affections of which
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